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SUBJECT: US-EC FISHERIES AGREEMENT AND US FISHING OFF FRENCH GUIANA

REFS: (A) STATE 47197; (B) EC BRUSSELS 64; (C) ECA-88, (D) PARIS 6478; (E) EC BRUSSELS 2122

1. AS REQUESTED BY REF A ON MARCH 7, THE MISSION DELIVERED TO THE EC COMMISSION (MICHAEL HARDY, LEGAL SERVICES), THE TEXT OF THE AIDE MEMOIRE CLARIFYING WHICH EC MEMBER STATES HAVE ACCESS TO US FISHERY RESOURCES UNDER THE US-EC GIFA. HARDY, WHO HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE FINAL ROUND OF THE US-EC FISHERY NEGOTIATIONS IN WASHINGTON AND WAS FULLY AWARE OF THE COMPROMISE SOLUTION, ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT OF THE AIDE MEMOIRE WITHOUT COMMENT. (WE ASSUME THAT ORAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT IS ADEQUATE AND THAT WRITTEN CONFIRMATION IS NOT REQUIRED.)

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2. MISSION OFFICER ALSO TOOK THE OCCASION OF THE MEETING TO REFER TO U.S. FISHING IN 1977 IN THE NEW FISHING ZONES OF THE MEMBER STATES AS HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE EC (REF B). HE NOTED THAT THERE WERE SOME INDICATIONS THAT FRANCE WAS CONSIDERING LOCAL CONSERVATION MEASURES REGARDING SHRIMP RESOURCES OFF FRENCH GUIANA. IT IS

OUR UNDERSTANDING, HE ADDED, THAT SUCH MEASURES COULD ONLY BE ADOPTED UNILATERALLY BY FRANCE IF THEY WERE: NON-DISCRIMINATORY, TEMPORARY, NOT ALREADY COVERED BY COMMUNITY CONSERVATION MEASURES, AND ESTABLISHED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSION. HARDY CONFIRMED THAT THIS UNDERSTANDING WAS CORRECT AND THAT NEITHER THE GOF NOR, PARTICULARLY, LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN FRENCH GUIANA SHOULD ENACT ANY LOCAL CONSERVATION REGULATIONS UNLESS FRANCE HAD "DISCUSSED" THESE WITH THE COMMISSION.

3. COMMENT: THUS, US FISHING FLEETS OPERATING IN THE 200 MILE FISHING ZONE OFF FRENCH GUIANA SHOULD BE GOVERNED ONLY BY COMMUNITY CONSERVATION MEASURES FORWARDED BY REFS B AND C UNTIL THE GOF DEVELOPS ADDITIONAL MEASURES IN COORDINATION WITH THE EC COMMISSION. HINTON

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